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In Re the Application of:

LEWKOWICZ et al.

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For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS

FOR HIGH FLY WRITE

DETECTION IN A DISK DRIVE"

Mail Stop Amendment

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REQUEST FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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